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BONA FIDE CIRCULATION.

The circulation of The Times for the week ended December 23, 1896, was as follows:
Saturday, December 19, 37,535
Sunday, December 20, 24,072
Monday, December 21, 37,330
Tuesday, December 22, 37,175
Wednesday, December 23, 37,101
Thursday, December 24, 37,190
Friday, December 25, 35,242

Total copies printed, 245,585
Less damaged copies, copies unsold in office and copies returned from news stands and branch offices, 22,764
Total, 222,821

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of circulation for the week ended December 25, 1896.

WILLIAM P. LEECH,
Manager of Circulation.
Advertisers are cordially invited to visit our press and mailing rooms at all times and verify the above statement.

City Brevities

Mrs. Little Myers, of K Street northeast, is visiting friends in Baltimore.

New electric light poles are being erected on Third Street and Georgetown.

Painters and carpenters were at work yesterday on the spire of the Metropolitan M. E. Church.

Miss Edna Westcott, of 918 Twenty-third Street, will entertain a party of college friends at her home tonight.

Repairs are being made and a new sewer laid on M Street northwest, between Ninth and Twentieth Streets.

Mr. Price, clerk at the Metropolitan Hotel, is confined to his room on account of injuries received while riding a bicycle.

Mr. T. V. Bruce, who has been engaged for the past year in an architect's office in Cleveland, is visiting his parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Wilhelm of Hyndman, Pa., are the guests of Rev. and Mrs. James McLaughlin at their home on Jackson Street, Annapolis.

Mr. A. B. Thodes, a prominent young artist of Brooklyn, visited friends in this city yesterday while en route to Atlanta, where he will spend the winter.

Mr. William H. Butler as a New Year's gift has presented the Washington Library Association the use of his hall, on C Street, between Fourth and Fifth and Sixth Streets, for one year free of rent.

A committee representing organized labor in the District has been appointed to call on the inaugural committee and endeavor to secure the employment of members of this order in the construction of the street cars.

Mr. Le Ghat, formerly Belgian minister to the United States, will leave here in a few days for St. Petersburg, where he has been assigned to duty. Mr. Le Ghat called on Secretary Olney yesterday to bid him good-bye before leaving the city.

Charles S. Snyder, correspondent of the Omaha Bee, was assisted in seeing the new year in at his residence by a score of his fellow correspondents. The results of their interviews with Father Time's latest youngster were telegraphed to their respective journals, so far as is known.

DEFECTS IN STEEL PLATES.

Special Board Examines Armor for Kentucky and Kearsarge.

The special board appointed by Secretary Herbert to examine a number of defective structural steel plates delivered by the Carnegie Steel Company at Newport News for the battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge, has submitted its report to the Navy Department. The board made very extensive tests of material at the shipyards and arrived at the following conclusions:

That if the specifications be held to require the test of the plates to be made by bending the specimens longitudinally to a large proportion of the steel complies with the specifications. If, however, a transverse bending test is also required, only one lot of plates—the 17-12 inch plate—meets the requirements.

The defects are attributed to the fact that the plates receive most of the work in the mills in the direction of their length and the failure of the inspectors to detect these defects was due to the failure of the specifications, in their opinion, to require a transverse bending test.

The board believes that more reliable steel for hull plates would be obtained by changing the present requirements so as to allow the tensile strength to vary between 67,000 and 69,000 pounds per square inch, requiring a minimum elongation of 25 per cent of steel plates 40,000 pounds, and one-third of 1 per cent additional elongation for each 1,000 pounds below 60,000.

The plates for the battleship Illinois were found to be of better quality than those rolled for the Kentucky and Kearsarge. In all cases, however, the steel was found to be of superior quality to the best commercial steel, as well as to that used in any foreign navy.

Upon these findings the department has authorized the inspector at Newport News to use so much of the steel plate on hand as he may think suitable for the inspectors at the mills have been instructed to hereafter make the transverse bending test in the plates.

The steel board has been ordered to meet at the department Saturday next to confer with the Secretary respecting the changes necessary to be made in the specifications.

HEAD AND NOSE BROKEN.

John Frenerville Roughly Handled in a Street Fight.

John A. Frenerville, a carpenter, was treated yesterday at Emergency Hospital for a badly cut head and a broken nose as a result of a street fight. The man's condition is considered serious and it was said last night by a physician at the hospital that it was feared he was injured internally.

Frenerville obtained his discharge from the Navy about six weeks ago and, it is alleged, has been drinking heavily ever since. Yesterday he had some difficulty with a couple of strangers, when he met on the street, and in the fight which followed the ex-soldier got decidedly the worst of it.

After his hurts were dressed at the hospital the man was sent to his home, No. 407 Second Street northeast, in charge of his brother.

B. & O. Shops Closed.
Zanesville, Ohio, Dec. 31.—The Baltimore & Ohio shops in this city were today closed down indefinitely on prearranged telegrams from Baltimore. Five hundred men are thrown out of employment, cutting a loss to the city of \$25,000 a month.

APPROVED THE MORSE BILL

Commissioners Returned It With Favorable Report.

FEW CHANGES SUGGESTED

Provisions for Appeals From Excise Board Slightly Modified—Change Also in the Section Requiring Exposure of Bars During Business Hours.

The District Commissioners yesterday agreed upon a report for the Morse bill, now pending in the Senate, as an amendment to the act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District.

The report indorses the measure almost exactly as it came from the House.

There are two amendments suggested to the bill as it passed the House. One to the section which provides for appeals from the excise board to the supreme court of the District.

There is an addition to the section, as follows:

"If a justice of said court shall, after examination of the record, consider that the excise board has erred on a question of law in granting or refusing a license, allow an appeal, provided, that such appeal shall be taken within twenty days, and that the applicant, if he or she had a liquor license the preceding license year, may continue business pending the appeal; provided, further, that the action of the said board shall be final until reversed by said court."

No Rights Abridged.

This amendment comes after the word "record" in line 13, page 2, of the printed bill.

It does not in any particular abridge the right of appeal, but amplifies the provisions by which the same shall be governed.

The other amendment suggested by the Commissioners is to the special clause beginning in line 2, page 6, of the printed bill, and affects the provision for the exposure of bars.

The amendment specifies that "the interior of every barroom shall at all times be exposed in full view of the street, except in case of a hotel, in which case there shall be a full view of the interior from the public bar."

This is practically a mere change of words, some phraseology regarded as unnecessary being stricken out.

What It Provides.

The bill as approved by the Commissioners has in it all of the provisions heretofore printed in The Times, including that relating to the obtaining of signatures of residents in approval of an application for license; substituting building for place in defining a location for a bar; requiring the applicant to be located on the corner opposite a place occupied by a bar, and, in a certain contingency, and placing brewers and brewers' agents in the category with bartenders in the matter of conducting the same.

The report was approved by the Commissioners yesterday and ordered to be forwarded to the chairman of the Senate District Committee at once so that any opposition to the measure that may be meted out will have to be brought to bear upon that committee, the bill having already passed the House.

The Commissioners approve that part of House bill 9496 which provides for a change in the name of the Capital Railway Company, but disapprove of the proposed extensions as asked for. The report on the bill, submitted to Chairman Babcock yesterday, specifies that proposed extensions are unnecessary, and some of them are objectionable.

WASHINGTON HARVARD CLUB

Annual Meeting at Columbian University—Dinner Arrangements.

The annual meeting of the Washington Harvard Club was held yesterday afternoon in the post-graduate room of the Columbian University.

There was a large attendance. President Edward Laurier, of the class of '35, presided, with Rev. J. McBride Sterrett, secretary.

The business of the meeting was to elect officers for the ensuing year, arrange for the annual banquet, enrollment of new members and to hear the reports of standing committees.

It was decided that the annual banquet will be held on the first Wednesday in next February, and the following gentlemen were appointed arrangements committee: Dr. Frank F. Howe, C. C. Bentley and Charles Moore.

The place of holding the banquet has not yet been decided, but it is more than probable that it will be given at the Shoreham, where the reunion was held last year.

The election of officers was postponed until the next meeting, at which time the committee on nominations will report.

The following new members were enrolled: Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, class '94; Alex. G. Bell, '96; C. W. Dorsey, '96; Ralph S. Houser, '94; E. C. Schneider, '93; L. A. Lattimer, '78; Ernest Walker, '92; H. T. O'ward, '82, and J. B. Baldwin.

MR. WITMER'S ESTATE.

Committee Having Charge of It Files a Report.

Daniel W. Donb and A. T. Counce, committee of the estate of Calvin Witmer, the retired grocer, yesterday filed their first report. It shows the estate to be worth about \$60,000. There is personal property amounting to \$3,737.91 and real estate valued at \$56,300. The latter is incumbered to the extent of \$15,833.33.

Since taking charge of the estate the committee has collected \$2,222.19, and has paid out \$1,833.33. This document includes counsel fees in the action for the appointment of the committee, repairs to the property and personal bills outstanding, also \$100 to Col. E. B. Hay for the support of Mr. Witmer.

Sunbathing in Chinese.

Collector Wood of the Plattburgh, N. Y., district, has been at the Treasury Department in conference with the officials over the allegations made by Inspector Schaff of complicity by customs officers with Canadian railroad employees in a scheme to smuggle goods into the United States.

When these charges were first made Collector Kilbreth of New York made an investigation and exonerated the accused officials. The matter was referred to Collector Wood, whose report is quite voluminous, containing sixty-six pages of type-written matter. It is understood that he practically sustains Inspector Schaff.

Union Tent Elections.

Union Tent, No. 87, elected the following named officers for the ensuing term: Shepherd, Charles M. McKinley; P. C. R. John P. Vichner; C. E. John P. Vichner; J. W. Bowman; B. S. John P. Vichner; F. S. Irvin; L. Skelchick; Treasurer, James H. Lovelace; Sec. Clarence E. Skelchick; J. G. James; J. C. J. O. G. Fred G. Miller; chaplain, James H. Lovelace; representatives to Grand Tent, J. P. Vichner, J. F. Harvey, J. H. Lovelace, C. E. Skelchick, J. P. Chancy and J. B. French.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Elmas Ross Arrested on Complaint of a Young Girl.

Elmas Ross, colored, thirty-seven years old, was arrested yesterday by Policeman Bean on complaint of Katie Bowman, a sixteen-year-old colored girl, who preferred a serious charge against him.

Ross is employed as a driver by Yonahdon & Loebe, grocers, whose place of business is at First and H Streets northwest. It is charged that he enticed the girl to a stable in the rear of the store yesterday afternoon and assaulted her.

The girl complained to Patrolman Bean who went to the stable and placed Ross under arrest.

At the station the man did not deny the charge against him. The girl lives in Ivy City and came to town yesterday to meet Ross, whom she claims had promised to obtain a situation for her.

WITHOUT FIRE PROTECTION

Mrs. Miller Claims Inefficient Fire Service at Mt. Pleasant.

Apparatus to Fight Flames Woefully Lacking—Chemical Engine Not Enough.

The complaint made by Mrs. S. M. Miller of the inefficiency of the fire apparatus at Mount Pleasant, as noted in the Evening Times of yesterday, was particularly with respect to the important property interests left without protection.

"The authorities seem to regard Mount Pleasant as though it had not progressed any in twenty years," said Mrs. Miller.

"We need the services of the fire department and of the police force as much as do the people of any other section of the city."

Mrs. Miller said a policeman was asked to turn in an alarm, and delayed compliance unnecessarily. She also stated that the engine, when it was brought into service, was without a proper supply of chemicals, and that it failed, for that reason, to do proper execution.

It was stated that when Mr. Wallace McLean telephoned to headquarters, stating that a residence was being consumed by the flames, he was unable to get a satisfactory response to his request that steam engine be sent out.

Mr. Miller asked that steps be taken to avoid a repetition of the affair, and said that, as a property-holder, she desired to protest against the discrimination which is made under existing arrangements against Mount Pleasant.

The assistant foreman of the Chemical Company, who was yesterday, stated that but little time elapsed between the response of the chemical and the steam engines. The first reached the fire at 8:14 o'clock.

The burning building was located at No. 1472 Park Street. The arrival of the steam engine was noted at 8:23, nine minutes after the first alarm, a local call.

In his report the assistant foreman said he went to the scene as soon as he learned No. 9 was ordered out. The fire had been ignited through the roof, and had entirely consumed the roof and the main floor, which had, at the time he arrived, exhausted itself. The flames were quickly subdued by the steam engine.

Upon the point admitted, that the chemical engine had exhausted itself, Mrs. Miller stated that when she learned of the fact she desired that the desired material be procured at once at her expense, but that the offer was not considered.

Commissioner Truesdell promised to bring the matter to the attention of the board and assured Mrs. Miller that there should be an investigation and the facts ascertained.

CINEMATOPHILE IS HERE.

This Wonderful Invention Will Be Placed on Exhibition Today.

Begin the new year right is the advertisement which prefaces the formal announcement in another column of the initial exhibition of the Cinematographic Lumiere, which will be given at Willard Hall today.

If any one wants an hour or more of charming entertainment today this evening, they will make their way to Willard Hall and see the Cinematographic, if the press of the cities where it has been seen are to be believed.

One of the most peculiar features of what it is and what it accomplishes is the difficulty of describing it. It is such an electric novelty that scarcely any adequate sort of an idea of it can be conveyed in words.

To begin with, it is primarily a stereoscopic view, but with the vast difference that instead of being an inanimate as the stereoscopic, the cinematographic view is a life-like action picture. No motion picture can be with not an object too small that the cinematograph cannot reproduce it. This is that you may see royal wedding processions, military maneuvers, sea scenes, street scenes, pantomime comedies, etc., in the most realistic manner possible, nothing being left to the imagination save sound and color.

Not to have seen the cinematograph, in the capitals of Europe and half a dozen of the principal cities of this country, to be considered behind the times. It is equally enjoyable to all classes, but it especially appeals to the intelligent and elite. For this reason, chiefly, the attempt is made to advertise it outside of the newspapers.

The views will be accompanied by full explanatory descriptions, music and all possible accessories to realism. Considering the prospects of entertainment offered it is quite likely that to see the cinematograph at 2 p. m., 4 p. m., or 8 p. m., today, will be to begin the new year right.

NO RED HAT FOR CORRIGAN.

Those Who Should Know Say He Won't Be a Cardinal.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Inquiry at the Vatican concerning the report that Archbishop Corrigan of New York was soon to be elevated to the cardinalate, has elicited the information that none of the pope's entourage expects that the appointment will be made.

The Jesuitism in the Sacred College is favorable to the archbishop's promotion. It is believed that the pope's personal secretary of state is opposed to it, not for personal reasons, but solely because of the significance which the opposing party in the college of cardinals would attach to the appointment. Furthermore it is said at the Vatican that the nomination of any new cardinal at the present time is extremely unlikely.

Kennedy Won't Sign.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31.—John Kennedy was arrested here today by Special Agent Byrne of the United States Express Company, of Buffalo, and Detective Cline of Chicago, charged with being the leader of the gang of bandits, who held up and robbed a Chicago & Alton train in December, 1896, on the night of December 24. Kennedy was "arrested" by the officers at day, but refused to give any information. The officers stated the evidence against him to be conclusive. He has been committed to jail.

MINISTERS CARRY THE DAY

Order Passed Forbidding the Crying of Sunday Papers.

TO TAKE EFFECT IN 30 DAYS

Commissioners Reported Adversely Upon Bill for Relief of Louise Home—Bill Submitted to Provide for Collection of Fees for Health Office Transcripts.

The ministers who yesterday petitioned the Commissioners for an order discontinuing the crying of newspapers on the streets during the Sabbath, and concerning which a spirited debate ensued, as related in The Evening Times, won their point, the result being announced with but little delay.

The board had the request before them at a meeting held in the afternoon and passed an order which prohibits newsboys from crying their papers at any and all hours on Sunday.

This order is in the form of an amendment to section 2 of article 9 of the police regulations. It is in substance, since the adoption of the amendatory order, a prohibition of the custom complained of, but does not prohibit the selling of Sunday papers.

In other words, a boy may distribute papers on Sunday as usual, but shall not cry "page one." He can't cry "page one" any time without incurring the risk of arrest.

It is understood that under the rule the amendment will take effect within thirty days from the adoption of the order and after due advertisement.

Louise Home Relief.

The Commissioners forwarded yesterday to Congress an adverse recommendation upon the bill introduced in the House for the relief of the Louise Home, and accompany their recommendation with copies of reports made formerly by the special assessment clerk and Attorney Thomas sustaining their action.

The relief would be exemption from payment of certain land certificates, issued in 1874 by the board of public works, upon the property since known as the Louise Home under assessments for improvements.

The opinion of the Commissioners is that there is no just ground for the cancellation of the assessment.

The case has been several times in the courts and has been often presented for the action of the Commissioners, each time the application being acted upon adversely.

Attorney Thomas holds that there is a doctrine known as a "trust," as defined in the exemption clause of the law and an "assessment," as made in this case.

The Commissioners yesterday passed an order rescinding a previous order under which the dedication of ground by Mrs. Rosa Wallich and Mr. Jesse Brown for the widening of St. Ann's Avenue was ordered.

It was demonstrated to the board that the dedication was made under a misunderstanding, and as work cannot be commenced on the widening of the avenue as early as was anticipated it was regarded as more equitable to grant the appeal for rescindment.

Health Office Fee Bill.

The District Commissioners have recommended to Congress the health office bill referred in The Morning Times of yesterday requiring the deposit of a fee of fifty cents for each transcript required of the health office records.

The bill goes forward with a favorable recommendation.

The United States Electric Lighting Company has been ordered by the Commissioners to show cause why the short overhead connecting wire strung by the company at the corner of Sixth and Louisiana Avenue shall not be at once removed.

This wire is understood to have been put up to enable the company to supply electricity to the new Jefferson Hotel on the southwest corner of those thoroughfares.

The order is that upon failure to make a satisfactory showing the overhead connection must be forthwith abandoned.

REV. MR. WILLIAMS ACCEPTS.

Will Recede the Rector of Trinity P. E. Church.

The vestry of Trinity P. E. Church has called to the rectory of that parish Rev. Richard P. Williams of Montgomery, Ala. The vacancy which Mr. Williams will fill has existed since the death of the late rector, Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Addison, who died last spring.

The morning and evening services of last Sunday were conducted by Mr. Williams. On Monday he conferred with the bishop of the diocese and the vestry of the church and he will take formal charge of the church on the fourth Sunday in that month.

The new rector is a Louisiana by birth, but has spent most of his life in the North. He was educated in New York and was a member of the church of St. Mark's, Smith while that minister was stationed there.

It was during the residence of Mr. Williams in Richmond, Va., that he was finally ordained as a priest. He was assistant minister of St. Paul's Church in Richmond for three years and was then called to his present charge in Montgomery.

He is of pleasing personality and the vestry of Trinity Church are congratulating themselves upon securing his acceptance to their call.

It is said that Rev. Alexander M. Rich, the assistant minister of Trinity parish, will be induced to withdraw his resignation, which has been in the hands of the vestry for some time, and to continue to act as Mr. Williams' curator.

POSTOFFICE ADVANCED.

Raised to First-Class on Account of Recent Census Taken.

On February 1, 1897, the postoffice at Atlanta, Ga., will become a Presidential office of the first class. This advance was pursuant to the postal regulations which provide that every free delivery city of 75,000 inhabitants or more shall be entitled to a postoffice of the first class. A recent State census showed that Atlanta has a population of over 85,000.

This action will make three grades of letter carriers instead of two, as at present, who will receive as compensation \$1,000, \$800 and \$600. All carriers having served two years or more will be promoted.

African Consul Recognized.

The President has recognized Charles D. Porter as consul-general of the Orange Free State in the United States.